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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - IL 1500.2 - THYRISTORS

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1. DISCUSSION ON MARCH 18 OF THE BRITISH PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE DEFINITION FOR THYRISTORS, WHICH ARE PRESENTLY EMBARGOED BY IL 1544, BEGAN WITH A TOUR OF THE TABLE IN WHICH ALL DELS ACCEPTED THE UK PROPOSAL (FRANCE AND CANADA AD REF) EXCEPT THE US WHICH TABLED A COUNTERPROPOSAL CONSISTING OF A FORMULA DEVELOPED BY THE SEMICONDUCTOR TAC FOR COMPUTING A FIGURE OF MERIT (FM) WHICH WILL DELINEATE THYRISTORS OF STRATEGIC INTEREST.

2. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION CENTERED ON TECHNICAL AND STRATEGIC JUSTIFICATION FOR THE US APPROACH, THE ACTUAL NUMERICAL FIGURE OF MERIT (40), AND WHETHER THE FOUR PARAMETERS NECESSARY FOR COMPUTING THE US PROPOSED FIGURE OF MERIT WERE LESS COMMONLY FOUND IN MANUFACTURER'S DATA SHEETS THAN THOSE NECESSARY FOR COMPUTING THE UK PROPOSED FIGURE OF MERIT.

3. ALTHOUGH THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS WERE UNPREPARED TO VOTE ON THE US PROPOSED FORMULA, THE NETHERLANDS AND

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FRANCE SHOWED POSITIVE INTEREST IN IT, WHILE THE UK AND

JAPAN TENDED TO BELIEVE THAT THE UK FORMULA WOULD BE THE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS BECAUSE IT EMPLOYS ONLY TWO PARAMETERS WHICH ARE INVARIABLY INCLUDED IN DATA SHEETS. THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENTS PRESENT THEIR VIEWS ON MARCH 20 IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT US AUTHORITIES REEXAMINE SUB-

ITEM (D) AFTER THE UK PROPOSAL TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE AS IT STANDS OR WITH AMENDMENT IN THE EVENT THAT OUR PROPOSAL FAILS OF ADOPTION. ADDITIONALLY WE WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP ANY ADDITIONAL BACKUP WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED CONCERNING THE US FORMULA. TURNER

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